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ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE HOUSE

New Windsor Vicinity

Private

Robert Strawbridge came to this country at the age of twenty-eight and established himself near New Windsor. In the 1760's, he built this simple, but functional structure and proceeded to preach the word of Methodism, which he brought with him from Ireland and from the mouth of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church. It stands today as the first Methodist Meeting House in America, and was designated a National Methodist Shrine in 1940.

This three-bay, two-story house which entertained many converts in its day is a living testimony of Reverend Strawbridge and his particular rural, out of town, very simple missionary methods.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAGI#0700865204

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Robert Strawbridge House

AND/OR COMMON

Strawbridge Shrine

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Strawbridge Lane

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

11

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

Both

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED *

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☒ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☒ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME The United Methodist Church

Strawbridge Shrine Association, Inc. Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Bldg.

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

*Interior of house not open to public.

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is very simple. It is a two-story log cabin, now covered with white clapboards and an uncoursed fieldstone foundation. The gable roof is wood, covered with standing seam sheet metal. Bays number three of uneven spacing. The structure has one central chimney.

Windows are all 2/2, with plain trim and no shutters. Second floor windows are of a smaller dimension. Decorative motifs are non-existent, save for modest turned wood on the front screen doors, which were most likely added later.

The farmhouse has a three-bay front entrance porch on the first floor, with four column supports, a shed roof and a balustered railing. A back porch also runs the length of the house on the first floor, with five columns and a concrete floor. A basement and attic complete the structure.

Outbuildings are all of clapboard and include a springhouse, smokehouse, chicken coup, one small and one large barn. The latter two have low stone foundations.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Probably before 1760 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Probably by John England & laeer improved by Strawbridge

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Strawbridge House was designated a National Methodist Shrine by the General Conference of 1940. It is of National historical significance for it stands as the first Methodist Meeting House in America, with hewn logs without backs for seats and a 24' X 24' dirt floor area for the congregation.

The very first log meeting house is no longer standing. It is believed to have stood where the present building now stands.

Robert Strawbridge was born in Drumsnaugh, Ireland, and at the age of twenty-one was converted to Methodism. Soon after he began to preach. At the age of twenty-eight, with his bride, he came to America and settled near New Windsor. He became the first preacher of Methodism in America.

Reverend Strawbridge chose to build outside of town, to keep his gospel simple and administer to simple people. The house remains a monument to his simplicity. True, it stands as a monument to Methodism in the United States, but also to the man who before the age of 50, had covered much of the Middle Atlantic region with his preaching and had left behind him a trail of meeting "places," which were subsequently to become churches. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism in England spread its fire there, as did Strawbridge in America before it was to become one of the largest Protestant denominations we have.

By the 200th anniversary of the United Methodist Church in 1984, the farm will also be the site of the John Evans House, located on Marston Road, where Strawbridge moved his meetings in the interim of his house being rebuilt. In the area also will be a replica of the first log meeting house and a new caretakers house.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All that lot or parcel of land situate on the south side of Strawbridge Lane, a private road, west of the Wilt Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Fred Eckhardt / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Carroll County Committee of the
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

August 14, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

210 East Minn Street

TELEPHONE

848-6494

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland 21157

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

REV. STRAWBRIDGE HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

STRAWBRIDGE LANE

CITY OR TOWN:

VIC. NEW WINSOR

STATE

MD

CODE

COUNTY:

CARR

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

BOWDOIN

STREET AND NUMBER:

STRAWBRIDGE LANE

CITY OR TOWN:

NEW WINSOR

STATE:

MD

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

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STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Westminster

STATE

Md.

CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house where the Rev. Strawbridge lived is a early nineteenth century brick dwelling* with later Victorian additions. The house is T shaped with the main block facing the east. This portion has an "A" frame roof the ridge of which runs N-S. To the rear of south wall is a 2 storey addition with a 2 storey projecting bay at its exposed (w.) end.

Roofing is tin and there ~~are~~ is a single interior chimney at ea. end of the 1st. block.

An interesting brick barn nearby has the hourglass designed vents in its gable ends - a feature not too unique in this area.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Home of Rev. Strauchbridge who est.
1st. Methodist Church in America

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Riviera</i>	
ORGANIZATION: <i>NHT</i>	DATE: <i>10/20</i>
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Robert Strawbridge House (Strawbridge Shrine)
West of 2650 Strawbridge Lane, New Windsor



Robert Strawbridge introduced Methodism to the United States in Carroll County in about 1764. His style of preaching without a book or a manuscript was considered revolutionary at the time. The Strawbridge Methodist Pilgrimage, seen here, was named in his honor.

MSA SC 1477-6351

http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/speccol/photos/lowe/html/cr_2.html

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Facing west



Rear or west elevation

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Outbuildings southeast of main Strawbridge house, facing south



Barns west of main Strawbridge house, facing west

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Plaque, front or east façade of Strawbridge house

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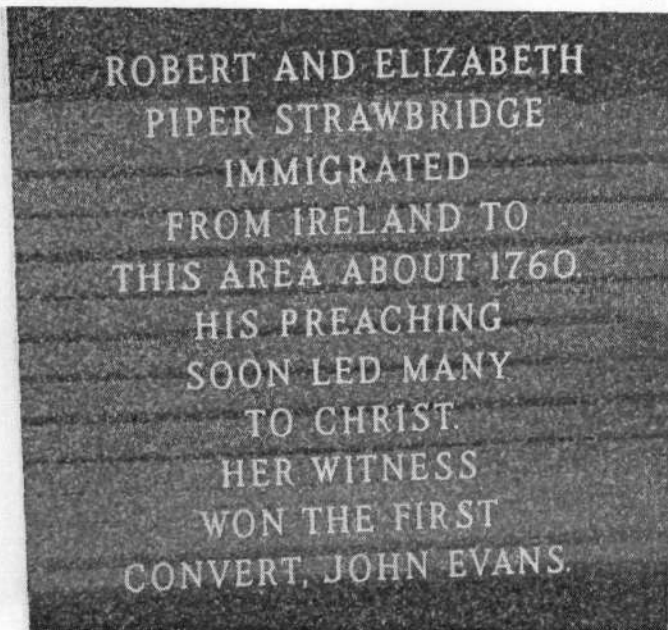
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Robert Strawbridge monument, W of Evans House, N of Meeting House, facing W



Plaque, north side of Robert Strawbridge monument



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Robert Strawbridge House

date - July/78

J.P.E.



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Robert Strawbridge House

Date - July/78

J.P.E.



1. CARR-86 STRAWBRIDGE METH. SHRINE
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. February 1985
5. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. Strawbridge House & Outbuildings
7. 1/2



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2. Carroll Co., Md.
3. Joe Getty
4. Februray 1985
5. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. House w/ Reconstructed Bldgs in
Background (Log Mttg House & John
Evans House 7. 2/2



ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE HOUSE

Here Robert Strawbridge formed the first Methodist class in America about 1763. Nearby he built the first log meeting house. Although without official sanction American Methodists first received Baptism and Holy Communion by his hand. Named national historic Methodist Shrine, 1940. Acquired by Strawbridge Shrine Association, 1973.

ERECTED BY THE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY,
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1974

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Robert Strawbridge House

date - July / 78

J.P.E.

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New Winsor, MD
USGS New Winsor Quad

